



St. Augustine's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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LET US PRAY

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

LOL NEWSLETTER

Our Trust newsletter for Summer 2023 is now available to view [here](#). We are very proud to have been featured in the newsletter twice! Please do have a look at everything that has been going on in our Trust schools network.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

And just like that...the summer holidays are here! What a wonderful week, and in fact, school year we have had here at St. Augustine's. We have had the absolute privilege of watching your children grow in so many ways and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

On Tuesday, Chef Darren from Roots to Food was with our Year 6 children all day, helping them plan, prepare and cook a delicious meal for their families. The food was exquisite, and the hall was beautifully set up. Chef Darren trained the children in 'silver service' waiting techniques and how to welcome and serve their guests! It truly was a very special evening. Please see our Facebook page for photos!

On Wednesday evening our EYFS Cedar class visited the residents of Braceborough Hall for some lovely singing and games; more details and photos below.

All classes were together for a special Eucharistic Leavers Mass in the school hall on Thursday. We all received a blessing and Canon Peter spoke very movingly about the Year 6 children moving on from St. Augustine's. On Friday we welcomed Year 6 families for a special Leavers Assembly, brunch, rounders and a picnic lunch.

It has been a joyous week but also a very bittersweet time for us in school as we say goodbye to our Year 6 Juniper children, who leave having enriched all of us with their wonderful, unique personalities. Their journey through primary school has been to prepare them for this very day; to leave us with the knowledge and independence needed for their next stage of life at secondary school. We will miss you all very much indeed, and are so proud of the amazing young people that you are. May God bless you all; we do hope that you will pop in and see us from time to time!

I would like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and peaceful summer ahead, and we all look forward to being back together on Wednesday 6th September.

Mrs Cox



SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN - FEAST DAY SUNDAY 23RD JULY



Bridget was the daughter of a wealthy governor who used his riches generously. He donated money for good causes and helped the poor. He worked for the just and fair treatment of all the people. Bridget, who was born in 1303, learned these lessons early in her life.

Bridget married into the Swedish royal family and lovingly raised eight children, one of whom came to be known as St. Catherine of Sweden. Bridget and her husband followed her father's example of caring for people in need. It is said that she even arranged for a hospital to be built on their estate. The hospital was open to all.

When her husband died, Bridget gave away all her possessions. She founded a double monastery for men and women who lived apart, but worshipped together. The religious order was known as the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines. When Bridget learned of an epidemic in Rome, she made a pilgrimage there to assist the sick and dying. While in Rome, she spoke out against the injustices she saw and worked to change situations that kept all people from living a good life. Her words and actions influenced government and Church officials, even the pope!

Bridget made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places where Jesus taught, died, and rose from the dead. During her pilgrimage Bridget experienced Christ's presence in prayer visions.

Bridget died after she returned to Rome, but her body was eventually returned to her land and the people she loved and cared for. Her coffin was carried reverently through Europe to Sweden, and she is buried at the monastery she founded.

Because of her holiness, Bridget was declared a saint only 18 years after her death in 1373. She is the patron saint of Sweden. In 1999, Pope John Paul II honored her once more: St. Bridget was named co-patron saint of all of Europe along with St. Catherine of Siena and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, who was known as Edith Stein in life.

CHANGES TO CLASSROOM STRUCTURE IN SEPTEMBER

In light of the need for a sixth class next year (as explained in letter to Year 3 and 4 parents on 19.7.23) there has been a change to the classrooms for September, with changes highlighted in bold, as follows:

Cedar – EYFS - same classroom as this year

Sycamore – Y1 and Y2 – the classroom at the top of the slope between Cedar and current Sycamore (Mrs Taylor currently teaches computing in here).

Olive – Y3 – current Sycamore classroom

Acacia – Y4 – current Acacia classroom

Willow – Y5 – current Willow classroom

Juniper – Y6 – current Juniper classroom

Drop off and collection arrangements will remain the same in September, therefore parents collecting children from Cedar, Sycamore and Olive classrooms should wait on the KS1 playground.

CEDAR CLASS VISIT TO BRACEBROUGH HALL

On Wednesday our Cedar class children went on a lovely visit to Braceborough Hall. We sang lots of songs and nursery rhymes, had a game of bingo and took a picture to give to the residents. The children were an absolute credit to St. Augustine's.

- Miss Darby



SEESAW



Mrs Cox and your new teachers will be keeping in touch with you all over the summer! Be sure to check in on your Seesaw app!

GOODBYE, MRS HIBBERT!

We said goodbye to our Acting Deputy Head, Mrs Hibbert today. The children presented a gift and flowers to Mrs Hibbert to say a big thank you for all of her hard work, care and support over the last year.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 91.65%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 91.78%

Sycamore - 90.85%

Acacia - 84.12%

Willow - 79.54%

Juniper - 95.91%

64 of our pupils had 100% attendance this week.

"NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS...LOVE IS THE BEST"

On Wednesday, Mrs Oliver's Year 6 Juniper berries put on a spectacular show for us! The whole school were treated to the matinee show of A Midsummer Night's Madness in the afternoon, and then Year 6 families came along for the evening performance. This amazing Shakespeare/ Madness mashup brought the house down with a standing ovation - the rapturous applause must have been heard all over Stamford! With laughs aplenty, every single child played their individual parts to perfection.

With **huge** thanks to Mrs Oliver, Mrs Jones, Mrs Ellis and Miss B for all of their time, care, support and dedication to ensure that the children not only learned all of their lines and dance routines, but that they all enjoyed every single minute of being on stage for us all, We were all bursting with pride.



Many happy returns to...**Matilda** in EYFS Cedar class who is 5 today, **Logan** in Year 1 Sycamore class who is 6 today, and Storm in Year 2 Sycamore class who is 7 on 25th July!

We all wish you and everyone with birthdays in the summer holidays a very happy birthday! Enjoy your celebrations!

GOODBYE, YR 6 JUNIPER CLASS

